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AN EXTEMPORE  
SERMON,

Preached upon MALT, by way of Caution to Good Fellows; at the Request of Two Schollars, by a Lover of ALE, out of a Hallow TREE.

*Why should the DRUNKARD strive his Acts to Smother,  
Drink runs but from one Hoghead to another,*

Beloved.

**L** *Et me Crave your reverent attention, for I am a little Man; come at a short warning, to Preach a short Sermon, upon a small Subject, to a thin Congregation; in an unworthy Pulpit.*

*Beloved. My Text 'tis Malt.*

Now I cannot divide it into Sentences because 'tis none, nor into Words, it being but one; nor into Syllables, because (upon the whole matter) 'tis but a Monosyllable: Therefore I must (and necessity inforces me) divide it into Letters; which I find in my text four, M, A, L, T,

*M, (my Beloved) is Moral.*

*A, is Allegorical;*

*L, is Literal, and*

*T, is Theological.*

The *Moral* is well set forth, to teach you Drunkards good manners, wherefor M, my Masters, A, all of you, L, listen, T, to my Text.

The *Allegorical*, is, when one thing is spoken of, and another thing is meant; the thing spoken of, is Malt; the thing meant is the Oyl of Malt; Strong Beere; which you Rusticks make M, Meat, A, Apparel, L, Liberty and T, Treasure.

The *Literal*, is according to the Letter, M, Much, A, Ale, L, Little, T, Thrift, much Ale, little Thrift.

The *Theological*, is according to the Effects that it works which I find in my Text, to be of two kinds; First in this World, Secondly, in the World to come.

In this World the effects which it works, are in some M, Murder; in others, A, Adultery; in some, L, Looseness of Life; in others, T, Treason

The effects which it worketh in the World to come are, M, Misery; A, Anguish; L, Lamentation; and T, Torment.

Wherefore my first Use shall be, a Use of Exhortation, M, Masters A, All of you; L, Leave; T, Tipling; or else by way of Commination; M, my Masters; A, All of you; L, look for; T, Torment. And so much shall suffice for this Tyme and Text. Only (by way of Caution) take this.

That a Drunkard is the annoyance of modesty, the trouble of Civility, the spoil of Wealth, the destruction of Reason, the Brewers Agent, the Ale houses Benefactor, the Beggars Companion, the Constables trouble, his Wifes woe, his Childrens sorrow, his Neighbours scoff, his own Shame, a Walking Swill-Tub, a Picture of a Beast, and a Monster of a man.

*Say well, and do well, end doob with a Letter,*

*Say well is good; but do well is better.*

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